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For: METHOD FOR DETECTING AND PURIFYING TCD8+ LYMPHOCYTE  
POPULATIONS, SPECIFIC OF PEPTIDES PRESENT IN THE CONTEXT OF HLA

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Preliminarily amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Amend the claims as follows:

3. (Amended) Multimers according to claim 1, characterized in that the modification corresponds to a mutation in the  $\alpha 3$  domain of at least one amino acid, with respect to the corresponding domain of a native heavy chain capable of binding to the said CD8 co-receptor.

a 4. (Amended) Multimers according to claim 1, characterized in that the modification corresponds to chemical modification of at least one amino acid of the  $\alpha 3$  domain of a heavy chain, with respect to the corresponding domain of a native heavy chain capable of binding to the said CD8 co-receptor.

5. (Amended) Multimers according to claim 1, characterized in that the modification

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